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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CLAIMS AGAINST VIETNAM THUONG TIN ONE

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FOR HERBERT FROM TAFT

1. PARA. TWO OF REFTel STATES THAT YOU HAVE REQUESTED LAW FIRM OF ARRIOLA AND CUSHNIE TO PRESENT CLAIMS AGAINST THE THUONG TIN ONE TO YOU IN WRITING. THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WITH ALL OTHER CLAIMANTS AND THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO FULLY AND COMPLETELY SET FORTH ALL FACTS BEARING ON THEIR CLAIMS.

2. CLAIMANTS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IATF FUNDS CAN BE USED TO PAY VALID CLAIMS AGAINST THE SHIP.

3. TO DETERMINE VALIDITY OF CLAIMS, FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHOULD BE INSTITUTED:

(A) ENTIRE CONTENTS OF LETTERS SETTING FORTH
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CLAIM, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU POSSESS ABOUT A

PARTICULAR CLAIM SHOULD BE CABLED IMMEDIATELY TO MR. WILLIAM GWATKIN, ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, ADMIRALTY AND SHIPPING SECTION, WEST COAST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94102. MR. GWATKIN IS THE HEAD OF THE WEST COAST OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE DEPT'S ADMIRALTY AND SHIPPING SECTION. HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 415-556-3146. IN COMMUNICATING WITH MR. GWATKIN IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO USE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES OF U.S. NAVAL BASE AT TREASURE ISLAND, CALIFORNIA.

(B) MATERIAL IN ABOVE PARAGRAPH, 3 (A) SHOULD ALSO BE SENT TO IATF, WASHINGTON.

(C) MR. GWATKIN'S OFFICE WILL RENDER ADVICE ON WHICH CLAIMS ARE VALID TO IATF, WASHINGTON.

(D) FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO PAY A PARTICULAR CLAIM WILL BE MADE BY IATF, WASHINGTON, AND YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED.

4. THE ADMIRALTY AND SHIPPING SECTION HAS ADVISED THAT IT CAN SEND AN ATTORNEY TO GUAM IF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT.
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